



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Stefan Wintermantel

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Title: CONNECTION ELEMENT FOR ATTACHMENT OF  
REMOVABLE DENTURES AT TOOTH CROWNS OR TOOTH  
IMPLANTS

Examiner: Wilson, John J

Art Unit: 3427

May 13, 2003

Attorney's Docket No. DRN204A5

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

SIR:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 13, 2002 and setting a shortened statutory period for response of three months to expire on March 13, 2003. Applicant petitions that, if required, the time for response be extended and the corresponding fee be charged. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Acct. No. 11-0224. Applicant further respectfully requests that this response be accepted as a bona fide effort to meet any potential response requirements outstanding and due in the above captioned matter.